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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 - 1.98, the Applicant wishes to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. A copy of each reference is enclosed. This Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with the duty of candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. These references are also listed on the enclosed PTO Form 1449. It is requested that the documents be given careful consideration and that they be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing of the present application.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the references may be material to the examination of the pending claims. However, the references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the references. This Statement is not a representation that the cited references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 USC sections 102 or 103.

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE:

* The content of U.S. Patent 4,837,732 is believed to be essentially identical to the content of European Patent 0 250 993.

** The content of U.S. Patent 5,424,836 is believed to be essentially identical to the content of German Patent Application 42 18219.

*** The content of U.S. Patent 5,608,211 is believed to be essentially identical to the content of German Patent DE 44 45 552.

**** The content of U.S. Patent 5,372,502 is believed to be essentially identical to the content of German Patent Application DE 3829925.

***** Statement of Relevance for German Patent DE 44 36 500A is attached to patent.

Respectfully Submitted,

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